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Weſtminſter, February 20.

HIS Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes, ſeated on the Throne, with the uſual Solemnity, Mr. Sanderſon, Deputy Gentleman Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers; the Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majeſty was pleaſed to give the Royal Aſſent to,

An Act for granting an Aid to His Majeſty by a Land-Tax to be raiſed in Great Britain for the Service of the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven.

And to Two private Bills.

St. James's, February 21.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Jurats, and Common-Council Men, Gentlemen, Freemen and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent, has been preſented to His Majeſty by the Honourable George Berkeley, Eſq; and Henry Furneſe, Eſq; their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by his Grace the Duke of Dorſet, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Jurats, and Common-Council Men, Gentlemen, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent.

AMongſt the earlieſt of thoſe who are deſirous of expreſſing their Duty to your Majeſty, and Zeal for your Service, in this critical Conjuncture of Affairs,

We your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects beg Leave to approach your Throne, with Hearts truly ſenſible of the Happineſs we have enjoyed in a long and uninterrupted Peace under your Majeſty's moſt wiſe and gracious Government. But dear as the Bleſſings of Peace are to us, we deſire them no longer than they are conſiſtent with the Honour of your Majeſty, and the Welfare of your People.

It is with the utmoſt Indignation and Reſentment, we behold the Peace of Europe endangered by new and formidable Alliances; the moſt oppoſite Intereſts uniting and entering into ſecret Engagements to the Prejudice of theſe Kingdoms; a valuable Branch of our Trade uſurped; a Commerce laid open contrary to expreſs Stipulations, by which it was limited and reſtrained; your Majeſty's ſtrong Fortreſs of Gibraltar threatened with a Siege (that only Acquiſition of real Importance remaining to England, with the Conſent of all the Powers in Europe, at the Expiration of a long and expenſive War, undertaken in Defence of the Liberties of Europe, and for the Preſervation of the Houſe of Auſtria.)

When Schemes of this dangerous Nature are concerted by foreign Princes, well might we wonder if the firſt Step to be taken, was not an Attempt to dethrone your Majeſty, and impoſe the Pretender on theſe Nations; for they muſt know, Meaſures ſo pernicious to theſe Kingdoms, will never be ſuffered to take Effect, whilſt your Majeſty continues at the Head of a brave and free People.

We ſhould be unworthy the Name of Engliſhmen; unworthy the glorious Privileges we enjoy of Religion, Liberty, and Property, if we were not at all Times ready to ſupport with our Lives and Fortunes your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Eſtabliſhment of the Proteſtant Succeſſion in your Royal Houſe, againſt all Oppoſers whatſoever, and to reſtrain by Force of Arms, thoſe whom the Tyes of Honour, Juſtice, and Gratitude are too feeble to bind.

The following humble and unanimous Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff and Common-Council of the City of Canterbury in Burghmote aſſembled, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir Thomas Hales and Samuel Milles, Eſq; their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Townſhend one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble and unanimous Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common-Council of the City of Canterbury in Burghmote aſſembled.

YOUR Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriff, and Common-Council of this your Majeſty's ancient City of Canterbury, beg Leave, among the moſt faithful of their Fellow-Subjects, to congratulate your Majeſty upon the ſeaſonable Diſcovery and timely Prevention of thoſe Deſigns which our Enemies had formed againſt the Trade, the Rights and Liberties of Great Britain.

The Contrivers of ſuch Miſchief muſt be ſtrangly infatuated to imagine, that the Spirit of the Britiſh Nation is ſunk ſo low, as tamely to ſubmit to the unjuſt Demands of one Power, or the Uſurpation of another.

Your faithful Subjects are bound to return your Majeſty their hearty Thanks, for your great Care in ſending your Navy to give ſo early an Earneſt of the Reſentment due to ſuch Meaſures, and to aſſure our Enemies, that Alliances, tho' formidable, will not deter a loyal People from aſſiſting your Majeſty to the utmoſt of their Power, in the juſt and honourable Defence of their undoubted Rights againſt thoſe whom neither the Faith due to the moſt ſolemn Treaties can bind, nor the vaſt Profuſion of Britiſh Blood and Treaſure ſpent in their Cauſe can oblige.

Your Proteſtant People find themſelves filled with a juſt Indignation againſt thoſe Engagements which are formed for the placing a Popiſh Pretender on the Throne of theſe Kingdoms. The Diſappointment of ſuch Engagements gives us a Pleaſure to be felt by none but the true Lovers of their Country, who are all convinced, that the utter Ruin of what is moſt dear and valuable to them muſt neceſſarily follow the Succeſs of ſuch an Enterprize.

We beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that you will never want our chearful Aſſiſtance to enable your Majeſty to preſerve a due Balance of Power in Europe, to defend the Poſſeſſions of the Crown of Great Britain, to protect our Trade and Commerce againſt all unjuſt and pernicious Encroachments.

And that we will always faithfully ſtand by and ſupport the preſent happy Eſtabliſhment in your Majeſty's moſt illuſtrious Houſe, as the only Means (under God) to ſecure to us our Religion, Liberties and Properties.

Given under our common Seal at the Guild-hall of the ſaid City, the 15th Day of February, 1726, and in the 13th Year of your Majeſty's Reign.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgeſſes of the Town and County of Southampton, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Eyre, Eſq; Recorder of Southampton, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellour of the Exchequer. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Bayliffs, and Burgeſſes of the Town and County of Southampton, in Common-Council aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

THOSE Dangers with which we ſee your Majeſty's Dominions threatned at a Time when we had good Reaſon to believe a ſettled Peace and Tranquility had been happily eſtabliſhed by your Majeſty's Vigilance and wiſe Counſels, cannot but excite in us a juſt Indignation, eſpecially when Gibraltar and Port Mahon, thoſe Securities to your Majeſty's Royal Navy, and your Subjects Ships trading to the Streights, thoſe juſt Rewards of the Expences of Britiſh Blood and Treaſure, and the glorious Acquiſitions of your Majeſty's Royal Predeceſſor, confirmed by the moſt ſolemn Treaties, are now boldly demanded of your Majeſty, and our Trade (in a very valuable Branch of it) invaded by a Prince whom the victorious Britiſh Arms placed and ſupported upon the Throne; and what juſtly raiſeth our Reſentments much higher, is the ungrateful though vain Endeavour of ſuch a Prince to diſturb us with the opprobrious Cauſe of the Pretender.

But when we conſider your Majeſty's paternal Love for your Subjects, the early Providence of your Majeſty in making and forwarding the ſo neceſſary Defences againſt all foreign Attempts by your Fleets in the Indies, Mediterranean, and Baltick, and the Union, Harmony, and Strength of your Allies, we may bravely contemn any of their weak Efforts, and repoſe ourſelves ſafely under your ſacred Majeſty's Protection, not doubting but by the Bleſſing of God, your Majeſty will ſit long undiſturbed on your Throne, and the full Enjoyment of Trade and Commerce be reſtored to your People, the great Benefit and Bleſſing of all your Subjects, eſpecially thoſe of our happy Situation for thoſe Advantages.

We therefore, as your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, beg to be admitted to return you our hearty and ſincere Thanks for your Majeſty's moſt wiſe Precaution to preſerve thoſe important Places, and render all the Deſigns of your Enemies ineffectual; and to aſſure your Majeſty, that as we of this Place have the Honour to enjoy many great and peculiar Privileges by the Bounty of your Royal Progenitors, ſo we ſhall always endeavour to obey your ſacred Majeſty,

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and defend your Royal Perſon and Government, with all that is near and dear to us againſt all your Enemies whatſoever.

Given under our common Seal this 11th of February, 1726.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgeſſes of the ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaſter, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Thomas Bootle and Thomas Brereton, Eſqrs; their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellour of the Exchequer. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Bailiffs and Burgeſſes, of the ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool, in the County Palatine of Lancaſter.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

IT is with Hearts the moſt ſenſible and acknowledging, that your Majeſty's Trading Subjects of your ancient Borough and Port Town of Liverpool do preſume to thank your moſt gracious Majeſty for all your unwearied Endeavours to preſerve the Trade of your Britiſh Subjects, and to defeat the pernicious Schemes of thoſe Powers who are known to owe your Majeſty and this Nation far other Returns.

As Trade is our principal Subſiſtance, it is alſo the true Riches that defrays the ſeveral Expences, and augments the Glory of this Nation; it manns our Fleets with the ableſt Hands, which ſtrike a timely and proper Terrour into every Adverſary of your Majeſty's Government, however remote by Situation or Policy; and how violent muſt thoſe Enemies be judged by us, who would attempt to ſtrip us of ſuch an invaluable Bleſſing; or rather, how deteſtable ſhould we eſteem thoſe, who dare to act all this in open Violation of publick Faith.

As if publick Treaties, Sentiments of Gratitude, and common Honeſty, were only Words, meer unmeaning Words, rarely to be met with among ſome Princes Reaſons of State.

Your Majeſty is not only become the tendereſt Parent of your People, but the nobleſt Pattern of inviolable Honour, both to preſent and future Princes, and the Avenger too (under Heaven we truſt) of every Injury offered to the Glory of your Government, or the Vigour of your Treaties.

And Europe (we hope) will ſoon be convinced, that there is no other Way for any of her Princes to loſe the happy Effects of your Majeſty's Friendſhip, but by affecting to themſelves any unwarrantable Degrees of Power, or Unſteadineſs of Behaviour in their National Faith.

That all your Treaties, concerted with ſo much Wiſdom, Honour and Juſtice, may be ſupported, and your Fleets and Armies (ſo early and wiſely employed for the Preſervation of all that is valuable to Engliſh Men) ever be ſucceſsful, are the ardent Prayers of your Majeſty's moſt faithful and loyal Subjects.

The following humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Rocheſter, has been preſented to His Majeſty by Sir Thomas Coleby, Bart. one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, introduced by the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, Chancellour of the Exchequer. Which Addreſs His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Common-Council, Freemen, and Inhabitants of the City of Rocheſter.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

TO permit us, your loyal Subjects of this City, humbly to aſſure you of our unſhaken Allegiance and Fidelity againſt the Pretender and all his Adherents at all Times, but then eſpecially, whenever it ſhall be attempted to put in Execution the vain (as we hope) Project of advancing him to the Throne of this Kingdom.

For Foreign Potentates to take upon them to diſpoſe of the Imperial Crown of Great Britain, is the greateſt Injury they can poſſibly offer to your Majeſty and the whole Nation, ſince the Settlement of this Crown depends only on our own Laws and Conſtitution, independent of all Foreign Authority whatſoever.

But their demanding the Reſtitution of Gibraltar, and the inſiſting on carrying on the Trade to the Eaſt-Indies from Oſtend, contrary to and in Violation of former Treaties, at the ſame Time they had formed the Deſign in favour of the Pretender, ſhews that they have no other way of effecting their injurious Purpoſes againſt our Welfare, but by firſt putting this Nation into Confuſion, upon a Queſtion which they themſelves have determined, by having owned your Majeſty's juſt Title.

YourMajeſty, by ſending out your Fleets (the Security and Glory of this Nation) the laſt Year, has happily diſappointed the Deſigns formed againſt us at that Time, and in all Probility ſo maimed the Alliance of the enterprizing Confederates, that for want of Power to ſupport them, they are reduced even to diſown their Secret Engagements to one another.

We truſt that the vigorous Reſolutions of both Houſes of Parliament, and the great

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